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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 16-28, with the following paragraph:

A' FIGS. 5 and 6 show simplified schematic diagrams of an exemplary stereo echo cancellation system that provides echo cancellation in the presence of secondary audio tones, such as for example, pulse metering tones. Referring to FIG. 5, the described exemplary echo cancellation system combines a downsampled pulse metering tone 236(a) from a decimator ~~237~~ 236 and a far end reference signal 202(a) into a single 8 kHz combined reference signal 237(a) through a combiner 237. The combined reference signal 237(a) may then be input into a single 8 kHz adaptive filter 200 rather than using two adaptive filters, one at 8 kHz and the other at 48 kHz as described in connection with FIG. 4. Therefore, the described exemplary embodiment requires less memory and processing resources.